IN THE MATTER OF

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TYANNIA BOLDEN, PHARM TECH

STATE BOARD

**REGISTRATION NO.: T05450** 

OF PHARMACY

Respondent

Case No. PT-11-021

ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the license to practice as a Pharmacy Technician, Pharm Tech, in Maryland issued to Tyannia Bolden, Pharm Tech, (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 12-101, et seq., (2009 Repl. Vol.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

### **BACKGROUND**

- At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on May 20, 2009.
   The Respondent's registration expired on January 31, 2011.
- 2. At all times relevant herein, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at a National chain pharmacy in Baltimore County, Maryland. The Respondent had been employed with the company since January 2005.
- 3. On October 16, 2010, a caller had informed the company that the
  Respondent had been stealing medication from the pharmacy and that her son had
  been getting it from her to sell it on the street. When confronted by his mother, the son

confessed that he had gotten it from the Respondent. She estimated that it had been going on "for a long time" and she estimated that the value of the medication was about "\$900+". The caller indicated that the drugs stolen and subsequently sold were Suboxone.1

- 4. On or about December 14, 2010, the company confronted the Respondent who denied stealing the Suboxone, but admitted, orally and in writing to, stealing approximately \$35 worth of other drugs. The Respondent admitted to stealing Diazepam, Clonidine and Hydrocodone.<sup>2</sup>
- 5. As a result of this admission, the company terminated the Respondent, and contacted the police, who filed criminal charges against her. The company also did an audit and filed a DEA report indicating that she had stolen \$447.99 worth of hydrocodone.
  - 6. The criminal charges are as follows:

CASE NO.	COUNT NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE
03K11000815	1	CDS-Distribute-Narcotic	2/14/11
03K11000815	2	CDS-Distribute-Narcotic	2/14/11
03K11000815	3	CDS-Possess/Not Marijuana	2/14/11
08K11000815	4	CDS Possess/Not Marijuana	2/14/11
08K11000815	5	Theft less than \$100	2/14/11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Suboxone is used to treat opiate addiction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Diazepam is used for the management of anxiety disorders or for the short-term relief of symptoms of anxiety. Clonidine lowers blood pressure by decreasing the levels of certain chemicals in blood and Hydrocodone is in a group of drugs called narcotic pain relievers.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

As set forth above, by stealing from her employer medication that has addictive potential for sale to people without prescriptions, the Respondent is a threat to the public health, welfare or safety.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol.).

## **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this day of March, 2011, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted by the Board by Md. St. Govt. Code Ann. § 10-226(c)(2) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the registration held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T05450, is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED; and be it further

ORDERED, that upon the Board's receipt of a written request from the Respondent, a Show Cause Hearing shall be scheduled within reasonable time of said request, at which the Respondent will be given an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Summary Suspension should be continued regarding the Respondent's fitness to practice as a Pharm Tech and the danger to the public; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Respondent shall immediately turn over to the Board her wall certificate and wallet-sized registration to practice as a Pharm Tech issued by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED, that this document constitutes a final Order of the Board and is therefore a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. State Gov't Code Ann. §10-617(h) (2009 Repl. Vol.).

LaVerne G. Naesea Executive Director Board of Pharmacy

# **NOTICE OF HEARING**

A Show Cause hearing to determine whether the Summary Suspension shall be continued will be held before the Board at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, 21215 following a written request by the Respondent for same.